

## Testimony in support of After-School Grant program

To whom it may concern:

I have been working for OPMAD, Inc. since October and my experience has been nothing but positive. Everyone is somewhat like one big family. The staff members make sure children are receiving affordable quality after-school care and in observation it's crystal clear. This is obviously from their high level of dedication and commitment the staff bring each day.

I have had the great pleasure of working for this organization, and with the resources and funding that is provided, it is being utilized effectively. It would be a great burden on parents if this funding is removed because it is geared towards the children, to not only advance their academic and social development, but to give them a place of belonging. Being that it is connected with the school not only assists the children, but their parents who work very hard to give their children the best they can. Reducing the funding will not only negatively affect the children, but their family at whole. Please continue funding the after-school grant program!

Sincerely,

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